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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-6 is/are pending in the application.
 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-6 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on ____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

Claims 1-6 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over US Pat. 2546983 in view of US Pat. 3549861 and US Pat. 3931494.

US'983 discloses inner and outer receptacles as claimed, including coil heater 20, inner and outer caps 14, 33. US'983 does not explicitly disclose a threaded inner cap, a metal inner receptacle, a power cord, pressure release valve, and a battery compartment.


Referring to Fig. 1 especially, US'861 discloses a threaded inner cap 80, a metal inner receptacle 56, and a power cord 39. Referring to Figs. 3 and 4, US'494 discloses a battery 19 in a base compartment of a portable, heated beverage container. It would have been obvious to adapt the threaded inner cap, a metal inner receptacle, and a power cord of US'861 to the container of US'983 to provide a more secure inner closure, to avoid a breakable inner receptacle, and to allow AC or DC power supply from a power receptacle. It would have been obvious to adapt the battery of US'494 to the container of US'983 to provide power where other supply means are not available. While US'861 does not explicitly disclose a pressure release valve, such cannot be regarded to patentably distinguish the claimed invention from the prior art. It would have been obvious to so modify the cap of US'861 since such are well known means to avoid excessive pressure accumulation.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Joseph M Pelham whose telephone number is 703-308-1709. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 7:30 AM to 4:00 PM.

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